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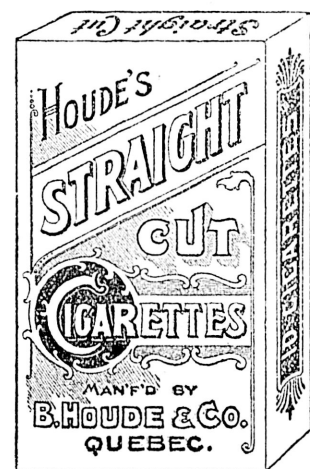
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Ladysmith and Several of the British
Guns Shattered.

Kimberley Horsemen Find Boer Pickets Asleep and
Successfully Storm Position With Loss of
Their Gallant Commander.

Methuen Still Awaits Guns and Ammunition While Enemy
Move for Flank Attack—Large Body Prepare
to Check Gatacre's Advance.

By Associated Press.

Ladysmith, Saturday, Dec. 2.—The hottest bombardment of the siege took place Thursday. The Boers got a new big gun in position on Lombard's kop, completely commanding the town, and shelled our camp that day and yesterday, planting shells with great accuracy in the camp of the Gordon Highlanders and Manchester Regiment, where there were many narrow escapes. To-day the enemy resumed the bombardment, doing some very effective shooting. Several of our guns have been shattered by the Boers' big gun.

London, Dec. 7, 4:30 a. m.—Ladysmith has established heliograph communication with Frere, and it is reported that all was well up to Sunday.

A despatch from the Boer laager by way of Lorenzo Marques, dated Thursday, November 30, confirms the report that the commandos have been closing in upon Ladysmith and mounting big guns in new positions. According to the same advices, a heavy cannonade has been maintained, and a general assault had been ordered for Thursday morning, but was countermanded at the last moment.

London, Dec. 7.—A despatch from Frere camp, dated December 6, says: "The Boers are firing into Ladysmith. It is rumored that 6,000 Free State troops have left Ladysmith, entertaining the gravest fears as to the safety of their own country."

METHUEN AT THE HALT.
Maddox River despatches say that the Boers are encamped amid the hills half way to Kimberley, but it is also added that a large body of the enemy has gone in the direction of Jacobsdal. It is possible therefore that Lord Methuen may endeavor to clear his right flank as far as Jacobsdal before continuing his advance. He is still waiting at Modder River for guns and ammunition.

SOITIE AT KIMBERLEY.
The sortie from Kimberley on November 25 appears to have been much more serious than had been supposed. Details are now arriving of a reconnaissance in force by mounted troops under Colonel Scott Turner, at dawn, in the direction of a ridge near Carter's Farm, where the Boers were strongly entrenched. Finding the Boer pickets asleep, Colonel Scott Turner proceeded along the ridge under cover and rushed the Boer redoubts, at 5:25 a. m. in the face of a hail of bullets. The Boers hoisted a white flag and fired at the British under its protection before surrendering.

Owing possibly to the exhaustion of their ammunition the British were unable to follow up the attack and seize a large Boer laager about three hundred yards ahead, especially as Boer reinforcements were seen approaching and the enemy was keeping up a heavy fire from the shelter of the thick bush.

During the sorties an armored train reconnoitered north and south while a considerable force of British with field guns and Maxims advanced toward Spytfontein, holding the Boers in check in that direction. Ten guns were engaged simultaneously, and, viewed from the coming tower an artillery duel seemed proceeding in every direction except towards Kenilworth, the fusillade being terrible at 8 o'clock.

Having no force sufficient to hold the position he had stormed, Major Scott-Turner began to gradually retire his men. He had a horse shot under him and a bullet went through the fleshy part of his shoulder. Several men had terrible wounds. It is alleged that the Boers used Martinis and explosive bullets and

that they frequently fired at the ambulance wagons. The British captured twenty of the enemy.

There appears to be some doubt as to whether this was the reconnaissance in which according to the announcement of the war office, Major Scott-Turner was killed, or whether that officer met his fate in a subsequent sortie.

London, Dec. 6.—The war office has received a list of casualties during a sortie from Kimberley on November 28, as follows:
Killed—Major Scott-Turner, of the Black Watch; Lt. Wright, of the Kimberley Light Brigade, and twenty non-commissioned officers and men.
Wounded—Capt. Vallock, Lt. Clifford and Lt. Watson and twenty-eight non-commissioned officers and men.

WORK FOR GATACRE.
Queenstown, Cape Colony, Saturday, Dec. 2.—The Boers have become very active in the country around Stormberg Junction to which Gen. Gatacre will make his next move. The telegraph lines have been cut in various places and communication with Steynsburg, Dordrecht and Mariasburg have been severed. It is believed that the Boers have occupied Steynsburg. Firing has been heard in the direction of Stormberg probably between Gen. Gatacre's guard and the Boer command.

London, Dec. 6.—Advices from Putter's Kraal, the headquarters of Gen. Gatacre's division, dated December 2, say: "The Boers entered Dordrecht this morning." This is probably Gen. Robler's force of 1,500 men from Stormberg.

JOUBERT IS ILL.
Pretoria, Dec. 2, via Lorenzo Marques, Monday, Dec. 4.—Gen. Joubert is indisposed and has arrived at Volksrust, across the Transvaal border not far from Charlestown, in the extreme north of Natal, for medical treatment. A despatch to the head laager, where Gen. Schalk-burger is in supreme command during the absence of Joubert, announces that a council of war was held on December 2 with reference to assaulting Ladysmith. The state attorney has arrived at the camp to advise the Boer commanders.

BULLER ON BOER LOSSES.
London, Dec. 6.—The war office has received the following from Gen. Buller: "Pietermaritzburg, Dec. 5.—It is very difficult to make any statement regarding the enemy's loss. For instance, at Belmont, 81 of their dead are accounted for. The enemy gave 15 as the number killed.

There is every reason to believe the enemy's loss in the fight at Ladysmith on November 8 was over 800 killed and wounded.

Information from trustworthy Boer sources shows that in Hildyard's fight, on November 27, the enemy lost 30 killed and 100 wounded.

It is impossible to say how far these numbers are correct, but it is evident the enemy does not admit a tenth of the loss suffered.

Intercepted despatches from Joubert show that even official despatches contain decidedly inaccurate information.

PRISONERS AT PRETORIA.
London, Dec. 6.—It is reported from Capetown that the Transvaal government still refuses to acknowledge the right to interfere by the United States on behalf of the British prisoners at Pretoria.

Comfortable wood and iron houses have been erected at Waterfall, a few miles from Pretoria, for the rank and file of the British prisoners.

SHELLS PLY AT MAFeking.
Pretoria, Dec. 2.—Despatches from the west coast state that there was a heavy artillery duel at Mafeking during the morning of December 2.

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Coal Mines

Arbitration.

Taking of Evidence Closed and Three Weeks' Adjournment to Consider It.

Evidence That Unionism Rather Than Miners' Protection Caused Special Rule.

The taking of evidence before the coal mines arbitration was yesterday formally closed, and nothing now remains but to have the evidence extended, which is no small task, and to hear the arguments.

The colliery company at Union called the firemen and pit bosses and also the bosses of the Chinese miners employed in pushing cars, all of whom testified that in their opinion the Chinese and Japanese are perfectly safe and competent to work in coal mines underground, and that they knew of no cause of complaint.

Some other Chinese were called and examined as to their knowledge of signals and instructions. On the last day of the sitting at Union Mr. Cassidy stated that in his opinion he had by calling certain of the Chinese who fairly represented the average of their class and the fire bosses and boss miners fairly covered the evidence on the same lines, suggesting that it desired the arbitrators might attend at the fire station when the men went down on the morning shift and observe the men.

After consideration the arbitrators and umpire decided that the matter should be left to Mr. Cassidy, whereupon he stated that he was satisfied and would not call any more Chinese.

Mr. John Matthews, then gave evidence that in his opinion the Chinese are perfectly safe and that during his term as assistant manager of the Union mines he had found them as competent as other miners and able to understand instructions. He thought the proposed new special rule that no persons should be employed in a mine underground other than those employed before the 1st of August, unless able to read and satisfy the inspector of their ability to understand the special rules as printed in English, entirely unnecessary to the safety of the mine.

Under the system employed in the Union mines the rules were actually imparted to the men by means of instructions.

Mr. Little, the superintendent of the colliery at Union, testified that he was of the same opinion. The Chinese were as safe as the ordinary white miner and the reports of the miner of mines showed that there are less accidents attributable to Chinese proportionately than to white miners; that the mines at Union could not be carried on with the class of labor proposed by the new rule as it was unobtainable, and that he thought it was a labor matter Mr. Ralph Smith and a delegation having gone from Nanaimo to interview the government as to some means of getting around the decision of the Privy Council.

Mr. Ralph Smith, M.P.P., secretary of the Mines and Mine Laborers' Protective Association, was then called to show what part he took in formulating the rule but after numerous questions it was decided that the witness could not disclose anything which took place at cabinet meetings.

The crown then called four witnesses to speak as to Chinese having been employed at the Union mines and an adjournment was had to Victoria at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the board met at the parliament buildings, and after discussion adjourned to a day between December 27 and 31 to be fixed by the umpire, the notes of evidence to be extended in the meantime.

RATS OF THE PACIFIC.

Then Generally Disappear Before the Brown Rat of Europe.

From Chambers' Journal.

The native rat has a great enemy. When brought into competition with the common brown rat of Europe, introduced by ships throughout the world, it usually disappears—an example of the effects of the influx of the denizens of the latter are such that in Funafuti the indigenous breed has been driven from the village, and, indeed, almost exterminated upon the main island by the foreign rat; in many of the islands it has been completely rooted out. Even more deadly onslaught has been carried on against it by the domestic cats, which, originally brought over by missionaries, and afterwards migrating to the bush, have proved a service in destroying the rats. In the old days, when unchecked, rats literally overran most of the islands of the Pacific.

On moonlight nights hundreds have been seen gathering together round the native quarters, feeding upon waste rice, or bread, or thrown out. A large hole-shaped hole was dug in the earth in Mangale, and baited with candle nuts, of which rats are excessively fond, and when the hole was perfectly well filled with rats two men would go down with knobbed sticks to kill them. A hole which would contain two men would hold a goodly number of rats. But rat killing under these conditions would seem a very thing, but an enviable task. Keeping the rats within bounds was a matter of such importance with the inhabitants that in Funafuti, by law, each individual was at times obliged to catch and destroy a certain number, for which purpose an ingenious trap was employed.

The natives destroy the rats with another object—shoot at them for sport. Fama rooma, or rat shooting, as practised on Iloonga in the Tonga group, apparently was an amusement reserved for chiefs, and was undertaken with much ceremony. Attracted by bait previously distributed, the rats were shot with formidable unfeathered arrows six feet long. The game was not an individual, but a party affair, the side first killing rats being accounted the winners, and if the rats were plentiful, three or four games were generally played.

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THE NATAL CAMPAIGN.

Buller Preparing to Surround the Enemy and Prevent Escape After His Forces Strike.

New York, Dec. 6.—London advises that from Natal comes word that the Boers have retired from Weenen, southeast of Colenso. It looks as if part of Sir Francis Clery's division had been detached to make a wide detour from the east of Frere station. The first result of such a movement would be to drive any outlying force of Boers across the Blaaukrans river. Its subsequent object would be to work around so as to menace the enemy's position at Colenso from the east.

The Boer position on the Tugela has been made exceedingly strong as against any front attack, while the character of the country in this region largely helps Joubert's disposition. The Boers are reported to be in very great numbers at Grobler's Kloof and elsewhere around Colenso.

From a British point of view, it is hoped that the Boers will stand and await the attack in a given position. Should they spread themselves in mobile bodies for miles along the course of the Tugela, the result would be something like guerrilla warfare.

The delay which has occurred to the British advance can be explained not only by Gen. Buller's desire to get up an overwhelming number of batteries, but also by some carefully planned and extensive movement whereby the Boers' position at Colenso can be simultaneously attacked from the north, south, east and west.

THE POPE LAID UP.

Rome, Dec. 6.—The Pope is suffering from a sudden cold and experiences some difficulty in breathing. Dr. Lippini, his physician, has ordered him to keep to his bed and the usual audiences are suspended. The condition of His Holiness, however, is not regarded as alarming.

Finance and Commerce

STOCKS IN NEW YORK.

In the homes of their friends THE TIT New York, Dec. 6.—The tone of the market for industrial securities showed a decided contrast to-day to that for railroad securities. The break in prices in industrial approached demoralization by the middle of the afternoon. Stocks closed as follows:

Am. Tobacco	144
Am. Sugar	152
Am. Spirits	118 1/2
Anacosta	13
A. T. & S. F. all paid	22 1/2
B. & O.	56
B. R. T.	83 1/2
C. P.	52 1/2
Chas. & O.	39 1/2
C. B. & Q.	132
Chicago Gas	113 1/2
C. R. I. & P.	112 1/2
C. M. & St. P.	12 1/2
Colo. Gas & N.	19 1/2
Con. Fuel & Iron	53 1/2
C. G. & St. L.	39 1/2
D. L. & W.	18 1/2
D. & H.	118 1/2
D. S. & A. pfd.	15 1/2
Fed. Steel	60 1/2
G. E.	125 1/2
J. C.	110 1/2
Man. Elev.	106 1/2
Mo. Pac.	47 1/2
Met. Traction	19 1/2
Nat. Lead	28 1/2
N. P. com. new	55 1/2
N. P. pfd.	70 1/2
N. Y. C. & H.	113 1/2
N. Y. L. E. & W. 1st pfd.	37
N. Y. O. & W.	25 1/2
Omaha	21 1/2
P. & M. all paid	37 1/2
P. & M. pfd.	41 1/2
Pullman	164
Sec. Ry. com.	1 1/2
Sou. Pac.	41 1/2
Tenn. Coal & Iron	115 1/2
Tex. & Pac.	17 1/2
U. S. Leather Co.	1 1/2
U. S. Rubber com.	45 1/2
U. S. Steel	122 1/2
Wabash pfd.	22 1/2
W. U.	57 1/2
Com. Cable in Montreal	101 1/2
C. P. R. in London	14 1/2
Copper Bull. brokers 17 1/2	exchange
17 1/2	Lead firm; brokers \$4.40; exchange
\$4.70 (\$4.80)	Tin weak; straits \$27.40; tin
\$1.67 (\$1.72)	Silver steady. Spelter firm; domestic
\$1.67 (\$1.72)	Rosin steady. Turpentine steady; 51 1/2
52c.	Pig Iron 12 1/2; Northern \$26.24
Southern \$19.50 (\$24)	

Shares and Produce.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—The following quotations ruled on the Board of Trade:	
Wheat—	Open. High. Low. Close
May	69 1/2 70 68 1/2 69 1/2
July	70 1/2 71 69 1/2 70 1/2
Corn—	
May	32 1/2 33 31 1/2 32 1/2
July	33 1/2 34 32 1/2 33 1/2
Pork—	
May	9.05 9.35 9.25 9.25 1/2
Liverpool Wheat—	
May	58 1/2 59 58 1/2 58 1/2
New York, Dec. 6.—The following quotations ruled on the Stock exchange:	
Amn. Sugar	Open. High. Low. Close
C. R. & Q.	132 1/2 133 131 1/2 132 1/2
C. R. & St. P.	125 1/2 126 124 1/2 125 1/2
Manitoba	101 1/2 103 100 1/2 101 1/2
People's Gas	111 1/2 113 110 1/2 111 1/2
C. R. I. & P.	112 1/2 113 111 1/2 112 1/2
Amn. Tobacco	144 1/2 145 143 1/2 144 1/2
U. S. S. F. pfd.	64 1/2 65 63 1/2 64 1/2
U. S. pfd.	78 1/2 79 76 1/2 78 1/2
T. C. & L.	113 113 1/2 112 113 1/2
A. T. & S. F. com.	22 1/2 23 21 1/2 22 1/2
L. N.	85 1/2 86 84 1/2 85 1/2
B. R. T.	83 84 81 1/2 83 1/2
U. S. com.	48 1/2 49 47 1/2 48 1/2
S. S. F. com.	40 1/2 41 39 1/2 40 1/2
Fed. Steel com.	60 1/2 61 59 1/2 60 1/2
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Lumber Tonnage

In Demand.

British Columbia Mills Experience Difficulty in Securing Export Facilities.

High Rates Not Sufficient to Induce Immediate Charters—The Situation.

The charter of the ship Glenalvon, now on her way to Port Townsend, from Antwerp, to load lumber at Chemainus for the United Kingdom, again directs attention to the unprecedented scarcity of tonnage for the lumber export trade. This trade has during the past few years been rapidly expanding, while at the same time the necessary shipping has grown scarcer and scarcer, until at the present time as high as 30 shillings is being offered for lumber carriers for the United Kingdom without the desired tonnage being procurable.

Heretofore a high rate could always be depended upon to secure necessary ships. Things are different now, however, and charters cannot be arranged by the mill owners to meet their demands, at any price. The Chemainus mills at the present time are understood to have orders in hand for upwards of 20,000,000 feet of lumber, which is being shipped to the United Kingdom, Great Britain, Australian ports and the Orient, but find their operations paralyzed through the absence of tonnage. Anything available is at once snapped up at fancy figures, and even then the demand is far from satisfied.

The Moodyville, Westminster and Pogo Sound mills are also feeling the effects of the shipping famine, although perhaps not to the same extent as the big Vancouver Island mill. At the present time rates are officially listed as follows, although it is another matter to secure the tonnage at the figures quoted:

For United Kingdom	77s 6d/6s 8d
Aden	45s 6d/45s 6d
Medan or Aden	45s 6d/45s 6d
Freemantle or Geraldton	67s 6d
Port Pirie	52s 6d/52s 6d
Capetown or Algoa Bay	67s 6d/67s 6d
Durban	67s 6d/67s 6d
Fiji	55s 6d/55s 6d
Kobe or Yokohama	52s 6d/52s 6d
Shanghai	53s 6d/53s 6d
Hongkong	53s 6d/53s 6d
Port Arthur	53s 6d/53s 6d
Madagascar	60s 6d/60s 6d
Valparaiso	57s 6d/57s 6d

In connection with the scarcity of tonnage above referred to, Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., in the next issue of their monthly freight and shipping review, will say: "We have little chance to note in the grain and tonnage markets since our last report. Foreign markets for wheat continue weak, and while the few vessels available for charter are holding for full rates, exporters are unwilling to pay the prices demanded. Business has therefore been very limited. The lumber market is exceedingly active and very large orders have recently been placed with the leading export mills. Tonnage, however, is almost unobtainable, and owners who have offered their vessels have found ready takers at high rates, even if six or eight months distant."

THE RETAIL MARKETS.

Australian Mutton Brings From 10 to 12 1/2 Cents per Pound—The Christmas Trade.

Christmas trade has set in in earnest with retailers, and its volume thus far has been very satisfactory. Next week will be looked on as the big week of the month. Orders have been left for Eastern poultry, and these will arrive, it is expected, in good season for the holidays. Of the receipts of the past week, that of Christmas has been the most important. It is retailing at from 10 to 12 1/2 cents per pound, which is a good cent more than was paid for it last year. The advanced price is directly attributable to the South African war, for the same firm that is shipping the mutton here has a big contract with the British war department. Current quotations are as follows:

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XXX Enderby, per bbl.	5.50
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Corn (whole), per ton	26.00/28.00
Corn (cracked), per ton	27.00/30.00
Corn, per ton	26.00/30.00
Outmeal, per 10 lbs.	40 1/2
Hulled Oats (B. & K.)	30
Hulled oats (B. & K.), 7 lb sack	30
Barley, per ton	27.00/30.00
Feed—	
Hay (baled), per ton	12.00/15.00
Straw, per bale	50 1/2
Middlings, per ton	23.00/25.00
Iran, per ton	21.00/23.00
Ground feed, per ton	21.00/23.00
Vegetables—	
Potatoes, per 100 lbs.	1.25
Onions (pickling), per lb.	3 1/2
Beans, per lb.	10
Cabbages, per lb.	10 1/2
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THE WAR.

Public feeling is at very keen tension over the condition of things in South Africa. Reports from several sources give color to the belief that the Boers may be, in part at least, retreating on Pretoria. It is said that Kruger desires some such movement as this, which is not at all surprising.

The Boers are said to have occupied Dordrecht. This town does not appear to possess any special strategic advantage. It is not on any line of railway, and it does not in any sense of the word command the approach to the Free State from the Coast.

The reports of dissensions between the Free Staters and the Transvaalers may not be without foundation, for at present the Free State is menaced with invasion and the Transvaal is doing nothing for its protection.

Some impatience is shown at the delay on the part of our columns, but we think the explanation is simple and that the plan is to advance only when sufficient artillery and cavalry have been brought up to enable either column to strike a blow that will tell.

Gen. Joubert has retired to a point within the Transvaal for medical treatment. The nature of his illness is not mentioned, but his condition must be quite serious or he would not have gone so far from the scene of operations.

Gen. Buller telegraphs that the Boer losses are being greatly minimized in the official reports. This has all along seemed likely. It is an old trick on their part. People who know their habits said before the war that they would adopt this plan.

THE COMING SESSION.

Less than a month will elapse before the legislature will be in session and the two parties will confront each other on the floor of the house. We see no reason to alter the view hitherto expressed in these columns as to the early defeat of the government. There has been no break in the opposition ranks, as they stood last session, and they will certainly be strengthened by several additions, we think enough to carry a vote of want of confidence with a great majority. If such a motion is once carried, we anticipate that the party which will then control the house will receive an increased support immediately, so as to render a dissolution unnecessary.

A great deal has been said, and doubtless more will be, as to the right of a defeated minister to a dissolution. No such right exists. Some people lay stress upon the fact that Mr. Sedlin has never been granted an appeal to the people, as though there was vested in the premier for the time being a personal right to have the people pronounce upon his policy. Such is not the case. The welfare of the people is the supreme law in this as in every other question arising under the British constitution. The mere fact that a premier has lost the confidence of his supporters gives him no claim to be allowed to appeal to the people for a reversal of the verdict of their representatives.

The only instance in Canada since confederation of a ministerial overthrow in parliament was the defeat of the Liberal-Conservative ministry in 1873. The first session of the second parliament of Canada was opened on March 5, 1873, and was prorogued on August 13. A second session was called on October 23 of the same year. Almost immediately the Canadian Pacific charges were brought up and Sir John Macdonald found himself defeated. We do not think that he claimed the right to a dissolution, but if he made the claim it was not recognized, and on November 5 he resigned office, Alexander Mackenzie being called to the premiership two days later. The house was at once prorogued and on January 2, 1874, was dissolved on Mr. Mackenzie's advice. The Hanington ministry in New Brunswick was defeated on a vote of want of confidence in 1891. Mr. Hanington asked for a dissolution but it was refused. In this province the McCreight ministry was defeated on December 23, 1872; the De Cosmos-Walkem ministry was at once formed and there was no dissolution of the house until 1875. The latter ministry went out during the session of 1876, but there was no dissolution until 1878. The Elliott ministry which followed fell by the wayside in 1878, the house not being then in session. The Walkem ministry which was then formed, changed on the appointment of its leader to the bench to the Beaven ministry, which resigned on January 20, 1883, just five days before the legislature met. The Smith ministry came in, followed by the A. E. B. Davies ministry and the Robson ministry, which were followed by the Theodore Davies ministry and this by the Turner ministry, so that we look in vain in the history of British Columbia for an instance of a defeated premier being granted a dissolution. In Quebec the Joly ministry was defeated on a vote of want of confidence, and asked for a dissolution but was refused. The Taitton ministry was defeated on the election of speaker and there was no dissolution. We search in vain in the history of parliamentary government either in the Dominion or of any of the provinces since

confederation for a case where a defeated ministry was granted a dissolution.

In the old Province of Canada the Macdonald government was defeated on a vote and the Brown ministry was at once formed. Five days after the latter was defeated, whereupon Mr. Brown asked the Governor-General for a dissolution, but was refused, Sir Edmund Head saying that the question for him to decide was not "What is advantageous to a particular party?" but "What upon the whole is most advantageous and fair to the people of the province?"

In Nova Scotia the governor refused his ministry a dissolution after a defeat on a vote of want of confidence, and said that "having been defeated in the house their advice ceased to carry the weight that would otherwise attach to it." His course was sustained by the colonial secretary.

In 1872 the Stafford ministry in New Zealand was defeated on a vote of want of confidence, asked for a dissolution and was refused. In 1877 the Grey ministry had the same experience, and protested to the secretary of state for the colonies against the refusal, but the Governor's decision was upheld.

A Tasmanian ministry had a similar experience. In 1872 the Victoria ministry was defeated, and asked for a dissolution alleging among other reasons that they had had no opportunity of appealing to the people, the elections having been held under the auspices of their opponents, but the dissolution was refused.

We have only been able to find in the books two cases where a defeated ministry was given a dissolution in any of the colonies. One was in South Australia, where it was evident that the legislature was determined to be obstructive, and the other in Tasmania, where a government was called into office on the resignation of their predecessors, and was promptly defeated. A dissolution was the only course open, for no one would form a government without one.

The principles underlying these cases are:

1st. The prerogative of dissolution is for the protection of the crown not for that of the ministry.

2nd. Parliament is the only recognized organ of public opinion.

We close by quoting two authorities. Todd in "Parliamentary Government in the Colonies," page 760, says:

"Frequent, unnecessary or abrupt dissolutions of parliament inevitably tend to dull the edge of a great instrument, given to the crown for its protection, and whenever they have occurred they have been fraught with danger to the commonwealth." And after saying it is the duty of the crown to exercise its judgment upon advice tendered in favor of a dissolution, he adds: "Though by refusing to act upon their advice he incurs a great responsibility, there is perhaps no case in which the responsibility may be more safely and usefully incurred than when ministers have asked to be allowed to appeal to the people from a decision pronounced against them in the House of Commons."

And that great parliamentarian, Sir Robert Peel, speaking in 1841, said:

"It is dangerous to admit of any recognized organ of public opinion than the House of Commons. So long as parliament may be reasonably supposed to represent the wishes of the people, it is not necessary to go beyond parliament to ascertain them."

VICTORIA'S TRADE WITH THE NORTH.

We print to-day some statistics in regard to the trade of Victoria with the North that will give the residents of this city the liveliest satisfaction. They show that of the trade of the Canadian Yukon and Atlin, over 80 per cent. is from Canadian points, and, of this, between 60 and 65 per cent. is done by Victoria; that is, THIS CITY DOES UPWARDS OF 50 PER CENT. OF THE WHOLE TRADE OF THE CANADIAN YUKON AND ATLIN. The enormous increase in the volume of our Northern business is a very gratifying feature. It is reaching vast proportions.

A year or two ago our ambition, and not over-scrupulous neighbors in Seattle were telling the world that they and they alone were selling any considerable amount of goods to the Golden North. We told them at the time that their boasted supremacy will soon be a thing of the past, and so it has come about. Seattle has its share of 20 per cent. of the trade, or probably not much if any more than one-quarter of the business done by Victoria. Our enterprising neighbor on the Mainland has doubtless the lion's share of the less than 30 per cent. which goes to points elsewhere in Canada than Victoria. Of the three cities, Victoria is far in the lead, with double the business of Vancouver, which comes second, and Seattle is third, with probably a little more than half of the business done by Vancouver.

That Victoria will retain its supremacy is hardly open to doubt, and as the Northern trade is certain to grow apace for years to come, the commercial importance of our city seems assured. When to this Northern business is added the great business to be developed on the West Coast of the Island, the future looks very rosy indeed.

Every recent arrival from the West Coast of the Island speaks in enthusiastic terms over the prospects of metalliferous mining there. It may safely be said that no other part of the world presents a better showing for future development.

The United States authorities admit that Montreal promises to become a very formidable rival of New York as a grain-exporting point. While the exports from the latter are decreasing, those from the

former are growing, and when a proper elevator service has been provided they will grow more rapidly.

The press correspondents talk about the "frightful" loss of the British in South Africa. The losses have not been frightful, or anything approaching it.

This is election day in Manitoba. The contest has been very keen, and as far as can be judged from this distance has been conducted largely on federal issues. If Mr. Greenway is overthrown, it will be a great triumph for the Conservative party, which has arranged against it all the power of the local and federal governments. Under normal conditions, Mr. Greenway might be expected to score a victory. His success will only leave matters as they are, while his defeat will be the beginning of the end of the Liberal regime in Canada.

PRESS OPINION.

A SLIP-SHOD LAW.

If ever there was a lame, indefensible law, it is that under which the voters' lists of the province are made up. The aim of later Canadian legislation is to give one vote, and one, only to every male resident of 21 years of age, not otherwise disqualified; but under the slipshod law of this province a man can practically have as many votes as he likes in different parts of the country.—Sandon Mining Review.

THE MINERS' STRIKE.

This week's news of the strike situation, after the hope-raising reports sent out last week only to be met by a flat contradiction, is not encouraging. Rumor has it that the Kasko Board of Trade has offered to act as a go-between for the Association and the Miners' Union. The first of December has come and for all that is known to outsiders the question is as far as ever from settlement. All parties concerned show a reluctance in giving any information, but it is confidently expected that there will be some interesting news within a few days.—Silvertonian.

PARTY LINES UNPOPULAR.

Were an election to be pulled off in this province to-morrow, the candidates that stood for provincial interests, rather than party politics, would win hands down.—Nelson Tribune (Conservative).

PUBLIC GAMBLING.

It is said, by the bye, that we are likely soon to see the raising of a technical defense which will, if held good, prevent the law from interfering with much of the public gambling that now prevails in this and other parts of Canada, but should the preventative law, as it stood be found inadequate, we feel confident that the necessary amending legislation will not be long in coming to the aid of thwarted public authority.—News-Advertiser.

ROAD MAKING.

The province should have been far better provided with roads for the money that has been spent, and if the people would only look at that fact in its proper light they would insist on a change. British Columbia has, but followed the example of the older provinces in injuring itself by poor road-building; now it should lose no time in following their lead in the adoption of better methods.—The Province.

LUMBER OF EASTERN CANADA.

An Enormous Supply Compared with Which That Already Cut Is Insignificant.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Frank Creelman, a mechanical engineer of Ottawa, Canada, who came to St. Louis for the purpose of superintending the installation of some new machinery for the United Railways Company, is stopping at the Planters' hotel. Although registering from Canada, Mr. Creelman is really a resident of New York. He is sojourning temporarily in the Dominion, however, while engaged in erecting extensive calcium carbide works at the Canadian capital. Calcium carbide, or carbide, as it is now extensively called in commerce, is a product obtained by smelting, and is much used in the manufacture of illuminating gas.

The object of locating the works at Ottawa was to avail ourselves of the splendid water power of the Ottawa river," said Mr. Creelman yesterday. "This power is one of the great natural resources of Canada. It is used extensively by the lumber interests along the stream, but of general manufacturing there is little or none. Carbide can be manufactured there 25 per cent. cheaper than in the United States, thus offsetting any difference in tariff duties or cost of shipment. In time the vast water power of the Canadian streams will be utilized and large manufacturing interests will be built up in that country."

Mr. Creelman waxed enthusiastic over the lumber resources of the two great northern provinces of Canada, Ontario and Quebec. Statisticians have figured that while the right to cut lumber on 300,000 square miles has been sold by the crown, there remain over 1,000,000 square miles on which the rights still remain for sale. It must be understood, also, that comparatively a small portion of the 300,000 square miles has yet been cut over, and of the privileges having been bought for years in advance by the lumbermen. "The lumber business in Canada is yet in its infancy," declared Mr. Creelman. "Although the tariff has retarded the development of the lumber trade with this country, they have the raw material, and it is bound to find a market sooner or later. Ontario has recently won its case with the Michigan lumbermen over the exportation of saw logs, and this will have an important bearing on the development of the industry in Canada. You see, Ontario passed a law forbidding the exportation of saw logs cut on crown lands, the purpose of this measure being, of course, to prevent the lumbermen of the United States from buying their logs in Canada and saving them in the United States. The Michigan lumbermen fought this measure, claiming that their contracts had a prior claim. The matter was taken into the courts and a decision has just been rendered favorable to the province.

"The prices for Canadian lumber have advanced materially during the last year, owing to the increased demand. This is especially noticeable in the cheaper grades. High grade lumber will always find a ready market. But on some of the cheaper grades, which could not be sold at all a year ago, the prices are now double what they were before. A great deal of Canadian lumber is going to England and, in fact, to all parts of the world. The cutting for next year is now in progress, and, under the stress of high prices, every available laborer is at work. In fact, there is a shortage of labor among the lumber camps. The logs are cut during the winter and piled up

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By Mr. Napier Denison.]

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to 14 feet of water in the channel off Shoal Point, and 18.5 feet above the sill of the Esquimalt dry dock.

Thursday, Dec. 7.		Friday, Dec. 8.	
Time.	Height above zero	Time.	Height above zero
8:00 a.m.	9.6 feet.	0:20 a.m.	3.8 feet.
11:00 a.m.	10.4 feet.	10:30 a.m.	9.6 feet.
4:30 p.m.	8.3 feet.	1:00 p.m.	9.6 feet.
11:30 p.m.	3.3 feet.	5:30 p.m.	7.6 feet.

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Golf.—Just arrived, a splendid stock of Golf Goods at Henry Short & Sons, 72 Douglas street.
Many Satisfied customers attest the popularity of Fit-Reform Overcoats.
Our Christmas stock is now complete. Crystallized Fruits, Chocolates and Sweets of all descriptions. Make your choice early. Clay's.
Few men are foolish enough to tell the readers of a great family journal untruths about their goods. If they do they are soon found out. "HONDl" Ceylon Tea is represented—therefore kept always before you.
Better Sidewalks.—Contractor John Bell is engaged in the task of improving Johnson and Store streets by the laying of a cement sidewalk with granite curbs similar to those already laid on Government and Fort streets. The work, which will be completed about the first of the year, will make a big improvement to the streets mentioned.
More Tramway Improvement.—Residents of Victoria West and along Esquimalt road are jubilant at the news that the tramway company will shortly place at their disposal large cars similar to those now in use between Vancouver and New Westminster. The small cars at present in use are frequently overcrowded, much to the annoyance of patrons.
Seamen's Institute.—The manager of this useful and much appreciated institution expresses the hope that some friend will present the rooms with an English Dictionary and a clock, both of which are badly needed. He also wishes to acknowledge with thanks donations of reading matter during the month of November from the Bishop of Columbia. Mrs. George Gillespie, Mrs. Malpas, Messrs. H. Burnett, J. H. Durand and Yeo, besides other anonymous contributors.
Now is the time to examine our line of ebony brushes and mirrors for Xmas gifts. "Calling" at Fawcett's means that you are made welcome. Unless you like, don't buy. F. W. Fawcett & Co., 49 Government street.
Has Gone to Seattle.—Mr. Miller of Nanaimo, the young man who was released of several hundred dollars in a Seattle saloon recently by what is known as the rolling process, goes over to the Sound city this morning in company with Deputy Sheriff Wilson, his evidence being required in the trial of Esplanade and his companion which is to take place early next week, the principal offender having been arrested in this city by Detective Palmer, and waiting extradition. There has been some talk of threats

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against Miller in the event of his appearing to testify, but the Puget Sound police are taking due precautions to prevent his molestation.
W.C.T.U.—A Bible reading will be given by Mrs. Spain at this afternoon's meeting of the local W.C.T.U., to be held at the Rescue Home on Cormorant street.
"Jack Trust."—This comedy with a musical programme will be given at St. James' hall this evening by the ladies of St. James' church. The entertainment is in connection with the church.
Teacher Resigns.—Miss King, one of the teachers of the North Ward staff, has handed her resignation to the city school trustees, to take effect at the end of this month, when the term closes.
All the tourists stay at the International Hotel, 40 Johnson street.
Custom Is Everything.—The fare boxes now used for the collection of fares by the local street railway company, introduced a few weeks ago, have speedily won popular favor. Contrary to general expectations their use has proved of no inconvenience whatever.
The Police Court Grist.—Two Indian drunks and a third aborigine apprehended in possession of an intoxicant, contributed the usual fines in the police court yesterday. A sidewalk-riding bicyclist was fined \$3, and Alice Cole, of 382 1/2 Broad street, who had been arrested for drunkenness, forfeited the cash bail of \$10 which she had deposited to secure her liberty.
The Copper Cent Has Come.—Although entirely uninvited by the citizens of Victoria, the copper cent of Eastern Canada has again made its appearance locally. This time the small change is in the hands of the men of the Royal Artillery, who find use for it at their own canteen, where very low rates for soft drinkables prevail.
Owen Smiley. A. O. U. W. hall, December 11.
A Progress Report.—The special municipal committee composed of His Worship the Mayor and three of the aldermen, having in hand the suggested settlement of the Point Ellice bridge disaster damage claims, held a meeting yesterday at which considerable progress was made. Another meeting will, however, be necessary before a report can be made to the council.
Fine Poultry.—H. E. Levy of the Arcade restaurant recently imported a couple of pure Houdan cocks from the town in France from which they take their name—Houdan (Beine-et-oise). They came via the American Express Co., and arrived in good condition. Houdans are said to be the finest table fowl grown, and Mr. Levy is determined to have the very best. The pair cost him \$60 laid down.
Don't miss Owen Smiley next Monday.
The Busy Borer.—It is evident that the burglar with the anger has not yet been placed where he should be behind the bars, for he again gave notice of his presence during the early hours of yesterday morning, this time at the old Lion brewery store, kept by Thomas Potter. Two holes had been bored in one of the doors and the borer would possibly have made a haul had he not disturbed the proprietor. The appearance of that gentleman frightened the intruder away.
Look out for the White House Christmas sale of silks and millinery on Friday and Saturday.
Again No Quorum.—There was to have been a meeting of the executive of the British Columbia Agricultural Association at the city hall last evening, but as on the date originally set for the meeting—there was no quorum. Nine members attended; ten were required. The meeting is now arranged for next Wednesday, by which date the business men's excursion will have returned from Kootenay, and the promoters of a Victoria show may have better luck.
The Alarm Still Untrustworthy.—With the experience of Tuesday morning as an object lesson one would have thought that the electrician in charge of the city fire alarm system would have seen to its repair immediately. There was another alarm last night, however; the same box, 27, was pulled; and again the bell failed to respond further than to tap "2," which according to the departmental signal code means "fire out." The fire fortunately was an insignificant one, some meat smoking in the Government street establishment of H. Porter & Sons having induced a nervous passer-by to summon the department.
Holy Saviour's Church Re-opening.—The alterations and improvements at the Church of the Holy Saviour, West Victoria, which have been in progress during several weeks past, and which include the new wing necessitated by the rapid growth of Rev. Mr. Barber's congregation, have now been completed, and the re-opening and dedication will take place this evening at 8 o'clock. The order of service is as follows:
Hymn 215.
Dedication service—The Lord Bishop of Columbia.
To Deum.
Shortened evenson.
Scripture—Isaiah, 88, 122.
Antiphon—"Solomon's Prayer."
Sermon—Ven. Archdeacon Seriven.
Hymns 242, 370.
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Funeral of Mrs. Esnouff.—The remains of the late Mrs. Charles Esnouff were committed to their last resting place in Ross Bay cemetery yesterday afternoon, the funeral taking place from the family residence on Douglas street at 2:30 o'clock and a little later from St. Barnabas church, where Rev. B. G. Miller officiated, closing the prescribed and impressive service of the church with an eloquent tribute to the deceased and an exhortation upon the Divine plan of salvation. A large number of friends accompanied the body to the cemetery where the services were concluded, and where many floral tokens of sympathy were laid upon the new-made grave; particular mention may be made of those from the clerks of the Hotel Driard, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Sompel and the Maple Leaf Baseball Club. The pallbearers were Messrs. A. Jewell, J. Smith, W. Kelley, J. Carroll, T. Fletcher and A. Peden.
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Statistics Tell The Tale.
More Than Half the Supplies of the Northland Purchased in Victoria.
An Incontrovertible Illustration of This City's Commercial Supremacy.
Customs Figures Will Prove Very Unpalatable to Bombastic Rivals.
Victorians in business matters have won the reputation of being ultra-conservative. Apparently this reputation is deserved, for otherwise the fact would undoubtedly have been emphasized ere this that the merchants of this city—the commercial as well as the political capital of the province—at the present time are in control of the vast and profitable trade of the great North land.
It is a fact, and despite the bombastic claims of rival towns, they have only to refer to official statistics to satisfy themselves of the supremacy of Victoria.
It is estimated that upwards of 20,000 tons of goods went into the Klondike, Atlin and other Northern gold fields during the year that is now drawing to a close—that, indeed, has practically closed so far as the great North is concerned.
Of all the imports of the Northern camps in British territory, the Klondike and Atlin districts of course included, during the first eleven months of the present year, 80 per cent. were Canadian goods.
This fact is attested by the wharf managers of Skagway, the railway handlers and the customs officials of Canada and the United States.
And of this 80 per cent., the customs returns show more than 60 per cent. came from Victoria.
Private statistics of the wharf, steamship and railway companies indicate that the Victoria proportion is more than 65 per cent., but taking the customs returns as a basis of proof, it is apparent that the Victoria share of the Northern trade is already, at the very lowest calculation, 60 per cent. of 80 or 48 per cent. of the whole.
Collector Milne, who has forwarded full statistical information on the subject to Ottawa, is confident that Victoria merchants at the present time enjoy more than 50 per cent. of the aggregate Northern trade, while the growth of this trade so far as Victoria is concerned is indicated by the appended return of the values of Victoria goods going into the North country by way of Lynn canal during the past four years:
1896 \$ 53,000
1897 273,000
1898 1,586,000
1899 2,079,000
The total for the present year as given above is of course only for the first eleven months of the year, October having been an especially busy month. The season in the North may be said to close by the 1st of December, although duties are still being collected at Bennett upon goods moving forward.
During October it is said that Bennett collected a larger sum in duties than any other place in British Columbia, and possibly the largest sum of any Canadian port, with five or six exceptions.
"The Victoria merchants have already corralled the trade by way of the White Pass," said Collector Milne yesterday, "and they are preparing to have the trade of the lower Yukon also. We are now making our arrangements for next season's work, and anticipate that it will be very heavy. All the spirits that went into Dawson during the past year were supplied by British Columbia firms, this being a highly important factor of trade in itself. The bulk of the trading companies' supplies was also purchased in Canada, Victoria getting its full share, and every one will be prepared to admit that these companies have learned by experience where to find the best market in which to buy."
The Alaska Commercial Company, it may be noted, is one of the heaviest patrons of Messrs. Simon Leiser & Co., of this city.
Another point in connection with the value of the Northern trade is that it is "strictly cash."
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Expert's Opinion of the Manual
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The Method of Instruction Pursued—How a Practical
Lesson is Given.

Victoria having succeeded in securing the establishment here of the manual training school provided under Sir William McDonald's liberal scheme, any information as to the character and workings of such institutions will be received with interest. A very fair idea of what a manual training school is like is given in an article from the pen of Bernard McEvoy, appearing in the Toronto Globe. Mr. McEvoy is making a tour of observation among the technical schools of the United States on behalf of the education department of Ontario. He is well qualified for this duty, having made a special study of technical education for many years, and having also in his youth received a practical technical training. His object was to gain information as to what is being done in technical schools in the States, and to ascertain as far as possible his results.

Mr. McEvoy tells of the system adopted in Buffalo. He says: "There are 62 public and high schools in Buffalo, and 2,000 boys out of these schools take a lesson of one and one-half hours per week in manual training. The tuition is under the supervising direction of Mr. D. Upton, a graduate of Cornell University, who took the engineering course. He is a strong, sympathetic, magnetic young man, with 'lots of stuff in him.' He gets a salary of \$1,000 per annum, and has two capable assistants who receive, respectively, \$800 and \$650. These three give to 1,000 of the 2,000 boys the course of instruction in the use of tools, which will be hereafter described, and Mr. Upton also supervises the elementary teaching of the other 1,000, which is conducted by the ordinary school teachers, and which consists of what is called 'cardboard development,' a sort of practical geometry in which the various forms are produced on cardboard and thin board whittling. When the youngsters have become proficient in these handicrafts, which are not given as a means of earning money, but to develop their hands, they are ready to be drafted into the ranks of those who are entrusted with real carpenter's tools."

I learned at the office of the Superintendent of Education in the municipal buildings that I should be likely to find Mr. Upton in school No. 14, in Franklin street. I followed the directions given me and soon saw the Stars and Stripes, which float over every school, displaying themselves in the sunshine of a mild November day, and thus guided I entered the school and found that the manual training was being pursued in a classroom on the ground floor. There I saw Mr. Upton in shirt sleeves and apron, and four or five boys standing around the room are to be found braces and bits, and a few other tools that are common to the class, being more seldom required. The cost of each bench with its tools is about \$18. I examined the tools and found that they were the best that could be made in a country workshop. There was not a single tool in the room that the most expert workman would not be proud to put into his basket. The planes were of the iron-frame variety, with screw regulators, not the old-fashioned kind in which the plane-iron was brought up to its work with the judicious tap of an expert hammer. The saws were fine tools, and in splendid fettle. The chisels were "ad right." The greatest expert crank in Toronto couldn't have picked a flaw in them, either in handles, condition or shape. Item No. 1. When the American boy is to be taught the use of tools, tools are put into his hands which are the result of years of experiment and endeavor. The best steel, best wood, the best iron, put into the shape that is the fruit of years of study and experiment. The very sight and handling of these beautiful tools is an inspiration. The ghosts of the workmen of old time must linger half-regretfully around these delightfully equipped benches.

"We are going to make some ironing boards," says Mr. Upton. Then I know what the drawings are that I see hanging around the room. At their last drawing lessons these boys had executed them, with rule, square and compass. They represented in "plan" and "elevation" the ordinary board on which a shirt is ironed, having a baseboard and another board raised above it by two little standards, the top board being rounded at each end, and broader at one end than the other. I see also that each boy has before him on his bench a piece of rough board an inch thick.

"The first thing is to sharpen our jack-plane; watch me," says Mr. Upton. The boys gather round, bright fellows of the average age of fourteen, undisciplined pleasure and interest on every face. They are at least five among the boys that I want to talk to, and ask about their parents, and what they mean to be; they are so intelligent looking, with such unmistakable marks of what is really good breeding and paternal care about them. Mr. Upton has moved to the bench of one of the boys,

and taken his plane and oilstone—this last appliance the "very latest," in an iron bed. The teacher takes out the plane-iron, and while he is manipulating it he gives a little talk on planes in general, on the why and whereof of cutting tools, on steel, and "temper" and "bite." Again I think of those ghostly workmen of old, who might be supposed to be saying: "It wasn't like this in our time, Jack; we had to find out what we could, and then we didn't understand the whys and wherefores." Why, these boys are having instilled into them the very principles of the way in which mind controls matter and shapes it as it will. All the while the teacher, with long, steady strokes, is sharpening the plane-iron. Then he takes off the resultant "rather edge," and at length triumphantly tries the tool on a bit of paper. It is "sharp," and so are the boys. Now they retire to their benches and endeavor to imitate what they have seen.

"Shall I tell you what this manual training is?" says Mr. Upton to me, in the interval. "The first result is in the character of the pupils. I can see the production of self-control, self-reliance and power of concentration. I don't expect to make these boys into carpenters. But they are not only being fitted to learn, but they are better equipped, when they have taken a course, for any position of life they may wish to enter upon."

"I have no doubt of it," I replied. "It co-ordinates the muscular and nervous systems," he continued. The phrase struck me as worth thinking about. There are so many failures knocking about life through failure in this co-ordination. The nervous system is not co-ordinated. There is a good deal in it.

Soon the cheerful sound of planing filled the room and the instructor moved about from bench to bench. "You have got too much 'bite' on your plane." "You haven't got your plane-iron out far enough." "You had better have another try at sharpening that plane-iron." "You let your plane-iron wrong way about."

Then the marking out of the top part of the ironing board, the measuring, striking the circle at each end, the use of the saw, why the saw cuts well, and what to do if it cuts ill. And so on till the time for closing came, and the boy whose duty it was to collect the tools went round for them and duly stowed them away. And he collected work it was to collect the boards they were at work on and take them to the storehouse below seen to his duties, for another set of boys will be in the shop tomorrow, and the coast must be clear. And then the bell rings, the boys assume their jackets and go out.

Mr. Upton took me to the stores in the basement and showed me the stock of material—it costs 70 or 80 cents per boy per annum. He also showed me some polished knife-boxes and shelves that other boys had made. Some of these are sold annually for the benefit of the fund for taking poor children on country trips in the summer. But the boys are asked about this, and give them of their own free will. So a touch of kindness glides their work. The director of sewing in the Buffalo schools—there are fifty schools in which sewing is taught, and in some of them the button-hole is no longer a dread-says in her last lesson to many of his boys for the beautiful sewing boxes made by them during the lessons in the manual training shops. There has also been an exchange of courtesies between the sewing department and the Truant school, the girls of the former hemming the napkins for that establishment. They are looking after the children in Buffalo. In the public library there is a children's department, where the juveniles have access to the shelves, and behave perfectly. They take out 400 books per day. On Saturday morning in that department kind young women read stories to them for a couple of hours. The youngsters like it. There are seven workshops in connection with the schools of Buffalo, fitted up like the one I have described. In some of them the bending of Venetian iron work is taught in addition to the carpentry. The attendance at the manual training schools is perfectly voluntary. When the boys reach the requisite standard they can take it or not, "as they've a mind." They invariably take it.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

ROSSLAND.
The merry tinkling of the sleigh bell is heard on the streets and from now until about April, 1900, the sounds made by these instruments will continue. All the while will be run on runners from this time on till the warmth of the spring sun drives away the snow and wheels will be in vogue again.

There were two accidents on the Columbia & Western railway on Thursday. The first occurred to the Greenwood train, which connects at Robson and brings in the passengers from the Crow's Nest railway and the main line of the C. P. R. The train was going east toward the summit, to the east of Brookings, and the engineer saw that it was about to plunge into a slide. The engineer reversed the engine, put on the brakes and jumped for his life. The result was that the locomotive plunged into the slide and was derailed within four feet of a precipice. Had the engineer not had the presence of mind to have acted as promptly as he did the train would have plunged over the precipice and fallen a distance of about 400 or 500 feet. As it was, the passengers were badly shaken up and delayed for about seven hours. The same train ran into a mud slide two miles below Rossland and it took some time to clear it away so that the train might move. As it was, the train did not arrive in Rossland until 7:30 yesterday morning.

A fatal accident happened yesterday afternoon while a train was coming down the switchback on the road between Robson and Cascade City, where the Bull Dog tunnel is now being completed. The tracks run clear instead of having a raise at the ends and the engine brakes gave way. On the train were two carloads of steel and a Mr. Robert Eastland, who was anxious to leave the Boundary country for his old home in Eugene, Ore., but did not want to meet the conductor of the passenger train. When the engine brakes refused to hold and the engineer found himself unable to control his train he whistled

"down brakes," but the road was not padded with safety switches as were the roads of the same character, and the train plunged down, carrying with it Mr. Eastland, who was killed almost instantly. Mr. Elder, one of the brakemen of the train, did noble work trying to stop the train, and as a result is now under the care of two surgeons, but the last reports that came from him were to the effect that he had sustained no serious injury, though he had had a very close call.—Miner, Dec. 3.

Mr. J. Ferguson McCrae has returned from a four months' visit to the Old Country. While he was away he visited Scotland and England. He found the sentiment very favorable to Canada, and this was especially the case when the Dominion offered to send a contingent to South Africa, and afterwards, when the troops sailed for Capetown there came a second offer to send more troops from here to South Africa. The people felt over there that Canada had done the proper thing and was indeed a part of the Empire. Mr. McCrae thinks that Canadians should travel more and when they go to the Old Country they should not be too modest and should talk up Canada and her great resources on every possible occasion. "I did all that I could of this form of missionary work, and think all citizens of the Dominion should do likewise," said Mr. McCrae. There is considerable talk in London of our mines. This was the case more during his recent visit than during his former one. What they most want are dividend-paying mines, and they are commencing to get them in the Le Roi and some other Kootenay mines. He declared, however, that the English have lately been purchasing heavily in South Africa and Australia. The belief is prevalent there that there will be a great revival in the mining industry in South Africa after the war is over and that larger profits will be made there.

The Kootenay and Yale lumber combine completed its organization yesterday at a meeting held in this city, by electing the following officers: President, Mr. Louis Bane; first vice-president, Mr. Peter Genelle; second vice-president, Mr. John Genelle; secretary, Mr. J. E. Poupore. The intention is to have offices in this city and at Greenwood. The Rossland office will look after the business in this section and the Greenwood office after that of the company in the Boundary Creek country. The stock is divided as follows: The company which constitutes the combine is capitalized for \$500,000 in \$1 shares. Of the capital stock, \$250,000 goes to Messrs. Louis Bane and A. Fisher and the other \$250,000 to Messrs. Peter Genelle & Co. In the property controlled by the combine there are nine mills, located as follows: Rossland, Ymir, Nakusp, West Robson, Phoenix, two at Greenwood and Rock Creek. In addition to this, the new corporation has large timber reserves in this section and in the Boundary Creek country. Mr. J. E. Poupore, the secretary of the combine, was seen yesterday, and said: "Our object is not to raise the price of lumber, but rather to prevent competition. As a result of the close competition there has been no profit in the lumber business for some time past. How will this be done? Well, in the first place, the price of lumber will be uniform. Say a mill at West Robson gets an order for lumber, and has two-thirds of the kinds included in the order in stock, how will it be filled? Formerly the order would be filled if the mill man had to work at an additional expense, and often at a loss, to make the sizes he did not happen to have. This was done so that the other mill men might not get a chance to fill part of the order. Now, however, we will fill a part of the order to the other mills who will fill the rest. There will be no profit-killing competition like there has been. Then, orders for lumber will be filled at the point nearest to where it is to be used. There are many advantages in the combine which are too numerous to be mentioned. I think from now on we will be assured of a reasonable profit, and at the same time the public will get its lumber just as cheaply as formerly," concluded Mr. Poupore.—Miner, Dec. 2.

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Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria at its next sitting, to be held on Wednesday, the 13th day of December next, for a transfer to William Charles Fenechough of the License now held by me to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail upon the premises known as the Three Star Saloon, situate at No. 4 Fort Street, in the City of Victoria.

Dated this 2nd day of November, 1899.
WM. SCOTT.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the next session thereof for an act to incorporate a company to construct, operate and maintain the line of railway from Victoria, British Columbia, or some other suitable point at or near the southern end of Vancouver Island to Hardy Bay or some other suitable point at or near the northern end of the said island, with power to construct branch lines to any points that may be selected on the coast of the said island, and as part of the said undertaking to acquire, lease or make traffic arrangements with existing railways on the said island, and to operate the said line of steamships and car ferries between the said line of railway or any of the branches thereof and any point or points in the City of Victoria, or in the Territory of Alaska, United States of America, to construct and maintain wharves and docks, telegraph and telephone lines, with all powers usually granted to railway companies and such other rights and privileges as may be necessary to carry out the object of the company.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., October 12, 1899.
FRANK HIGGINS,
Solicitor for the Applicants.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made by the undersigned at the next sitting of the Licensing Board for ratification of the temporary transfer to the undersigned dated the 26th day of October, 1899, and also the temporary transfer from the undersigned to Harry E. Morton, dated the 31st day of October, 1899, of the license to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail upon the premises known as the "Garlicks Head" saloon, situate on the south side of Bastion street in the City of Victoria. And further for a transfer of the said license to the said Harry E. Morton.

Dated the 31st day of October, 1899.
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Dated this 2nd December, 1899.
J. P. WALLS,
Solicitor for the executors, Thomas Flewin, Chas. F. Flewin and James Longhurst.

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF ADOLPH WASHBURN,
DECEASED.**

And in the Matter of the Official Administrators' Act.

Notice is hereby given that I have been appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of the above-named deceased, and parties having claims against the said estate are hereby requested to forward particulars thereof to me on or before the 11th day of January, 1900, and all parties indebted to the said estate are requested to pay the said indebtedness to me forthwith.

Dated the 11th day of November, 1899.
WM. MONTETH,
Official Administrator.

NOTICE.

In the matter of the

Estate of John Dunconson, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that by an order of His Honor Eli Harrison, Judge of the County Court of Nanaimo, B.C., I have been appointed administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of John Dunconson, late of Dunconson, county of Nanaimo, is the Province of British Columbia, deceased.

All debts due the estate must be paid forthwith, and all claims duly verified must be filed with me not later than the 31st day of January, 1900, when I will distribute the assets.

Dated Nanaimo, B.C., December 4th, 1899.
A. McALONEY,
Official Administrator for the County Court, District of Nanaimo.

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Dec. 6-8 p.m.
SYNOPSIS.

The high area now over the Pacific slope is moving gradually to the southeastward, and will be followed by another area of low pressure from the Pacific, accompanied by high winds and gales off the coast. The rainfall in the last 24 hours has been light, except at Neah bay, where 7.1 inch is reported. In the Northwest fair weather has prevailed, with moderate temperatures.

TEMPERATURES.

	Mtn.	Max.
Victoria	42	48
New Westminster	38	44
Rainbow	38	44
Esquimalt	38	44
Calgary	24	32
Winnipeg	24	32
Portland, Ore.	24	32
San Francisco	50	58

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time)
Thursday:
Victoria and vicinity—Strong southeast and southerly winds, increasing to gales off the coast; unsettled weather.
Lower Mainland—Easterly and southerly winds; unsettled, with rains.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon, and 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 6.

	Deg.	Deg.
5 a.m.	45	Mean
Noon	48	Highest
5 p.m.	47	Lowest

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m. 14 miles east.
Noon 15 miles southeast.
5 p.m. 10 miles east.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.
Rain—0.4 inch.
Sunshine—0.
Barometer at noon—Observed—30.016
Corrected—30.020

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A CURE FOR LEPROSY.

Venezuela Shrub of Good Repute to Be Tried by Americans at Honolulu.

Word comes from Honolulu that experiments are to be made there with a new cure for leprosy, which is said on reliable authority to have actually accomplished cures. It is a Venezuela shrub, of which samples were forwarded by Surgeon General Wyman, of the United States marine hospital service. Twenty-three shrubs are growing at Honolulu under the care of Dr. Carmichael, of the United States marine hospital service, who was asked by the department at Washington to make experiments with them.

The shrub credited with power to eradicate a malady hitherto found to be incurable is known in Venezuela as antia, the botanic name being *Jatropha gossypifolia*. The active principle is violently toxic in its effects, producing purging, cramps and convulsions, which it is said eventually end in a complete disappearance of the characteristics and symptoms of leprosy. Several accounts of alleged cures in Venezuela have been received through the surgeon general, one of them coming from the United States consulate at Maracaibo, and others from a Catholic priest, who tells of cases that came under his observation, one of the patients being his nephew.

THE WAY OUT.

"Our rooms look perfectly disgraceful, and here are visitors coming."
"Let's throw things around a little more, and then we can tell them we are cleaning house."—Chicago Record.

The man who stands idly by and sees the life fading out of his wife's face, sees her health going, sees her becoming old and faded and wrinkled when she should still be in the perfect enjoyment of vigorous, useful health, is often a victim of a disease which he does not know of the one remedy which will bring her back to health and strength. Perhaps her husband cannot persuade her to go to her doctor, because she naturally dreads the inevitable "examinations" and "local treatments." He can persuade her, if she needs persuasion, to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. This truly wonderful medicine has cured hundreds of women after the best physicians have failed. It has been in constant use and tested every day for thirty years. It is not an experiment, there are no chances about it. It is a certain cure for all debility, weakness, irregularities and displacements of internal organs peculiar to women.

A Feat of Arctic Navigation.

Alpha Will Force Her Way Through the Ice To Cape Nome.

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Navigation to the far North will introduce some clever seamanship in the early spring, for there will be great rivalry among steambark men as to who will be first to reach Cape Nome. As is well known, a great belt of ice extends along the coast from the Arctic to a distance of 650 miles south of Nome, and this usually does not break up till about the first of May. But there are tricks in navigation, as well as in other business, and the fact that the ice will be found as stated is not going to deter steambark men from making the trip. It has puzzled many navigators not acquainted with Arctic seas why it is that the Alpha, leaving here for Nome, can expect to reach her destination before May, but this does not worry Capt. Otto Buckholtz, who is to have command. He has his plans well matured and does not expect to meet any insurmountable obstacles in the way of carrying them out. He has had long experience with navigation of the Arctic, apart altogether from what he acquired in the sealing business. He has spent four years with the Dundee whalers off the coast of Greenland and has also had the advantage of two years' study in a big observatory in Berlin. Consequently when last fall he made a trip to Cape Nome at a season of the year that occasioned his venture to be looked upon rather woefully he was from his own standpoint taking no chances. His vessel, he says, is iron with plates an inch thick and at a certain time he will face her into the great ice field and cut his way to Nome. This can be done, he states, with an iron vessel such as the Alpha is, when a steel steamer of thin plates would smash like glass in the cold. Capt. Buckholtz will not disclose his plans in their entirety, but the above is part at least of the programme he has before him.

NO SOUND STEAMER.

Victorian Smashes Her Screw and Will Be Obligated to Miss a Trip.

There will be no Sound steamer to-day, as a telegram was received from Seattle last evening stating that the Victorian had broken her propeller and would be compelled to miss to-day's trip. For this reason the theatrical company presenting "Why Smith Left Home," which was to appear at the Victoria this evening will not be able to fill the engagement until to-morrow. There will be the regular service provided on Friday, however, for according to advices to the local agents, the steamer is to arrive and depart on schedule time to-morrow morning.

LIGHTLY LADEN.

Steamer Danube Sails With Light Freight and Passenger Lists.

Steamer Danube left en route to the North last evening, taking from Victoria among her passengers Tom Conway, formerly proprietor of the Four-Mile House, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Robson, wife of the new manager of the Hudson's Bay Co. at Port Simpson, Mrs. Almay and six Japs. At Vancouver the steamer is to receive an officer and ten Northwest Mounted Policemen. From Vancouver she crosses to Deception Bay and there takes aboard 200 tons of coal for Wrangell at which point the steamer will call to discharge on her return trip.

A CHANGE OF MANAGERS.

Mr. Robert Hall Succeeds Mr. Flockton in Charge of the B. L. & K. Co.

Mr. H. C. Flockton, who for some time past has filled the important position of manager for the Bennett Lake & Klondike Navigation Company, is leaving for England this morning, having retired from the direction of the affairs of that business organization. His place as manager has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Robert Hall, long identified with the company's Victoria office. Mr. Hall took charge of affairs yesterday and is receiving the hearty congratulations of many friends upon his promotion. The B. L. & K. Co. purpose retaining their present large share of the Northern business and adding to it considerably during the approaching season, and will be in a position to handle all the freight and passengers offering.

INDIANS ARE AVAILABLE.

Schoolers Are Not Being Delayed Through Want of Hunting Crews.

To-day or to-morrow the Victoria Sealing and Trading Company's schooners Viva, Otto and Arietas will leave on their southern cruises. They will carry Indian crews, having already signed nearly a full complement of men for the voyages. The Marvin sealing fleet will also sail when ready and all or nearly all will carry Indians. In either case the fear of not picking up crews because of the potlatch at Esplanade has never been considered, although a number of sealing men seem to think that it will be difficult to engage hunters until the big celebration is over. Immediately after Christmas about all the fleet that are to engage in the spring will weigh anchor and then there will be somewhat of a rest for ship chandlers and others who are now re-furnishing and re-provisioning sealers and who have been kept very busy of late.

WATER FRONT BREVITIES.

Notes of Interest Respecting Local Shipping—Vessels to Arrive and Sail.

Steamer Walla Walla is due from San Francisco on December 9.
Steamer Izumi Maru is due from China and Japan on the 20th instant.
Steamer Warrimoo sails for Honolulu and Australian ports on December 15.
Steamer Queen sails for San Francisco on December 16.
Steamer Cottage City is due from Alaska on December 7.
The N. P. steamer Energin is due on Friday from the Orient.
D. G. S. Quadra returned to port yesterday after making a survey for the proposed landings for the Victoria & Sidney gulf steamer, soon to be placed on the route.

The bark North West, Lund master, is loading a full cargo of props for Mexico, on account of Robert Ward & Co., Ltd., part of her cargo being taken at Cowichan, and part at Albert Head. It is expected that she will be ready to sail in a few days.

The scarcity of tonnage that prevails in the Northwest with respect to lumber carriers is beginning to make its presence felt also in connection with the coal trade although fortunately not to the same extent as yet.
Tug Pilot returned yesterday from Juanau with the dismantled bark Colorado in tow. The Pilot was thirteen days on her down trip. Capt. Butler says that there has been very bad weather up North lately and through it he was detained several days on his return trip. The Colorado brought down 1,762 tons of concentrates for the Tacoma smelter, valued at about \$62,000. Soon after arrival she was taken in tow by the tug Tacoma and carried on to her destination.

QUIZZED BY THE EMPEROR.

Exponent of Marconi's Wonder Working Heard with Interest by His German Majesty.

Berlin, Dec. 5.—Emperor William's well known interest in technical investigations, especially those relating to the navy, kept him for nearly five hours to-day at his school of technology, where the most interesting feature of the proceedings was a long lecture, illustrated with experiments by Prof. Slaby on Signor Marconi's system of wireless telegraphy as applied in naval movements.
The lecture was based on a series of experiments on board the Friedrich Karl near Kiel, when the operator succeeded in communicating over distances from 45 to 48 kilometres with a 30 metre wire. After the lecture the Emperor engaged the Professor in a lively discussion in which Baron von Senden (Bibran), vice-admiral and chief of the marine cabinet, and privy councillor von Bülow joined. His Majesty inquired particularly regarding the interference of opposing currents.

WAR AND MONEY MARKET.

Any Disturbing Effect Will Be Purely Temporary—Klondike Gold a Noticeable Factor.

Berlin, Dec. 5.—A high official of the Reichsbank in the course of an interview to-day said: "The war in South Africa may have a slight disturbing effect upon the money market for a short time, but it will have no great or permanent effect upon the world's gold supply. This is so large and increasing so rapidly elsewhere, in America, Australia and the Klondike for instance, that a short stoppage in South Africa will be comparatively unimportant. The reichsbank does not contemplate raising the rate of discount now, but it may be necessary to do this later. No gold is leaving Germany as yet. On the contrary last week a small quantity came from England. It is the raising tendency of London exchange that causes concern."

An official of the Deutschebank gave expression to similar sentiments adding that the chief danger would come to England.

WOBBLEERS ON WHEELS.

Tiresome Performance at Madison Square Gardens Varied by Accidents to the Riders.

New York, Dec. 5.—The weary six-day plodders at the Madison Square Gardens are riding far ahead of the record. There has been some change in the relative positions of the riders and several have left the track in the past twenty-four hours.
This afternoon there was an accident in which Jay Eaton, then a lap ahead of all the others, was crowded to the edge of the track and was pitched from his wheel. Eaton tried to remount but found that his tire was flat and before he got another wheel he was four laps in the rear. The matter was taken by Eaton to the referee who after some hours' consideration ruled that the Eaton-Walker team should take its place with the leaders. This put the team back only one lap, the one by which it was leading at the time the spill occurred, and the decision was received with general protests by all the riders. Walker said he would leave the track, but he was still riding at a late hour to-night.

The four leading teams were 76 miles ahead of the record at the close of the forty-second hour. Gimn made the former record in 1898 with 767 miles and 660 yards to his credit. Harley Davidson, the Canadian withdrew from the contest at 8 o'clock.
The riders were 79 miles ahead of the record at the end of the forty-fifth hour. The score at 12 o'clock, was: Miller and Walker 962.3, May and McKechnie 962.3, Gimn and Purdy 963.2, Fisher and Chevalier 962.7, Stevens and Turville 962.5, Babcock and Stinson 962.4, Schinner and Forster 960.2, Thoms and Dickinson 917.1. The Pas and Pas 816.42.

Through a misunderstanding the Walker-Eaton team lost four laps about 7:30 o'clock. They were half a lap off track at the same time not knowing of each other's temporary retirement. Then an hour later Eaton announced his retirement for good, saying that his fall of the afternoon had left him so shaken that he was too weak to continue. Walker, however, announced that he would keep on after some of the money. He got a bad fall at 10:15 but was able to remount and close up the gap that the fall had occasioned.

THE POISONING TRIAL.

Evidence That Accused Harbored Bitter Enmity Towards Recipient of the Package.

New York, Dec. 5.—The surprise of the trial of Roland B. Molinieux for the murder of Katherine J. Adams was the sudden introduction of the prosecution of direct testimony that Molinieux harbored bitter enmity toward Harry Cornish, A. A. Harpster, a former member of the Knickerbocker Club, and friend of Cornish, gave testimony to the effect, and told further that Molinieux had an agent write to Harpster's former employer over a false signature to obtain information reflecting on Harpster's character, that he might use the information to Harpster's injury.

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Vancouver's News Budget.

Deadman's Island Revived for Municipal Elections—Success of Patriotic Concert.

A Little Loan Lands Advani in Gaol—Demand for Millsites.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 6.—Last night a meeting was held of some of the most aggressive champions of Mr. Ludgate in his attempt to secure Deadman's Island. They decided to make the question an issue in the coming municipal elections, claiming that Mr. Ludgate will still build the mill if he can secure the island. With this in view, another large meeting has been called for Thursday night to discuss running Ald. Wm. Brown for mayor on the "Deadman's Island" question against all comers. Mayor Gordon presided. A gentleman who was at last night's meeting said to the Colonist correspondent: "There will be no politics in the municipal elections as far as I can estimate. The cry will be 'Industries or no industries' through the entire election. Ald. Brown on the Deadman's Island ticket will lose in Ward 1, but about even in Ward 2, get a majority in 3 and 4, and Ward 5, get the docks in Ward 5. This question will figure largely in the provincial elections here."

THE PATRIOTIC CONCERT.

Vancouver has reason to feel satisfied at the liberal response of her citizens at the "Day! pay! pay!" concert last night. The opera house not only contained the largest crowd on record, but the most enthusiastic. The audience, not content with singing the choruses of the different patriotic songs, sang and cheered between the numbers. When there would be a lull in the demonstrations, an enthusiastic Highlander would rise in the audience with the observation, "Now, lads, three cheers!" and uproar would follow. Never anything like it has been heard in Vancouver. When Mrs. Tomkinson recited the "Absent-Minded Beggar" and called out the refrain "Pay! pay! pay!" there was a downpour of silver dollars and halves, with the accompaniment of cheering and shouting. Mrs. Tomkinson, however, did not attempt to pick up the money herself, and got several little boys to assist her. Baskets were also passed around amongst that part of the audience out of reach of the stage by the scarlet-coated pets of the regiment.

All the ladies and gentlemen taking part were enthusiastically cheered. Clive Phillips, W. J. Hays, "The Sea Queen" Wakes, was so enthusiastically received that Mrs. Tomkinson, who recited it, had to stop and cheer with the audience before they would permit her to proceed with another verse, and so it was all through the evening.

The tableau "Britannia" was a masterpiece, showing some hundred people on the stage.
The "Red, White and Blue" was sung by Mrs. Clifford and Mrs. Hanson sang "The Soldiers of the Queen." Mrs. Herbert Kent recited "Our Bit of the Thin Red Line." Mr. Oswald Roberts captured the lion's share of applause for the men singers by his intensely spirited rendition of the parody composed by a Vancouver volunteer, "There Will Be a Hot Time in the Transvaal to-night." Mrs. Walter Nicholls sang "Johnny Atkins," and twice repeated. The audience shouted for more, and being refused, sang it themselves. Miss Dempsey performed a sailor's hornpipe and Miss Ormsby a sword dance, both in costume.

Numerous male voices, including Mr. Morse, Mr. Cope and the originator of the concert, Mr. Buck, contributed to the evening's programme. Vancouver has by date contributed \$1,650. The silver shovels amounted to \$270, and the total receipts of the evening were, in round figures, \$1,400. Mr. Twining's concert contributed \$100 and the Savoy benefit \$150, bringing the total up to the figure mentioned.

ADVANI IN GAOL.

Advani, the notorious Hindoo adventurer, is again in the lock-up here, charged with obtaining money under false pretences. After having been mistaken for Aguinado, the refugee Filipino, by American consul Dudley and Mr. L. L. Treat, and taken to the police station, he was allowed to go on the understanding that he would leave the city. He at once called on a West End minister and secured \$5 on the pretence that he had a draft that he could not cash unless he was identified at Victoria, and he had no money to go there. His pitiful tale was successful, but only for a short time, as he is in gaol again for this subterfuge.

MINOR AFFAIRS.

Col. Worsnop has received a letter from Gen. Hutton regarding the immediate reorganization of the battalion. Col. Worsnop is much gratified with and expresses praise for the splendid activity of the officers in their desire to do all that is best in the military organization and the soldierly quality of the men under his command.

Mr. Merrell, of Chicago, is said to be one of many looking for lumber mill sites in British Columbia. Merrell has the very choicest limits in the province, having purchased thousands upon thousands of acres.
The Strand hotel was burglarized last night. The burglar climbed into a kitchen window, and entering Mr. John Wood's room, stole his gold watch, some cheques and money. The loss is estimated at about \$300, the watch being very valuable.

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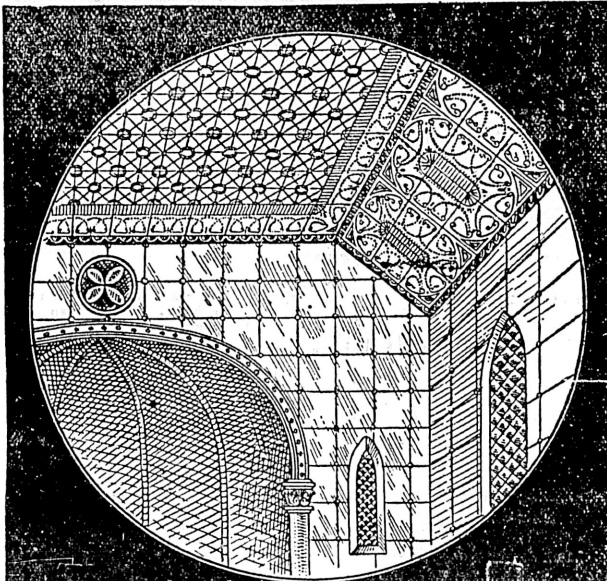
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